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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 331

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 0724

E O 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LT, SF

SUBJ: PM' S PRESS SECRETARY - DESMOND SIXISHE

1. HAVE BEEN TOLD BY RELIABLE LOCAL CONTACT THAT SIXISHE, PM LEABUA JONATHAN' S PRESS SECRETARY, HAS BEEN FIRED FROM POST BY JONATHAN AND ORDERED HOME AFTER IT DISCOVERED HE PASSING INFORMATION TO SOUTH AFRICANS ON GOL/ FRG TALKS.

2. STORY COULD WELL BE BASED ON FACT. SIXISHE HAS MANY CONNECTIONS IN RSA, AND FOR YEARS WAS RUMORED TO BE ON PAYROLL OF SA SPECIAL BRANCH. THOUGH HE HAS MELLOWED SOMEWHAT, HE ALSO HAS REPUTATION FOR BEING VOLATILE INDIVIDUAL WITH QUESTIONABLE PERSONAL HABITS. DESPITE REPUTATION, HOWEVER, HE HAS ALSO HAD CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH PM, PROBABLY IN RECOGNITION OF USEFUL JOURNALISTIC TALENTS WHICH SIXISHE POSSESSES. OF INTEREST IS FACT THAT WHEN SIXISHE WAS OFFERED USIS SPECIALIST GRANT FOR A JOURNALISM COURSE IN U. S. IN 1967, GOL WITHDREW APPROVAL OF GRANT AFTER GOL SPECIAL BRANCH REFUSED TO CLEAR HIM. IN 1972, HOWEVER, GOL APPROVED HIM AS INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTEE AND HE SPENT SEVERAL MONTHS IN U. S.

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3. FOR BONN: PM AND HIS PARTY EXPECTED REMAIN IN GERMANY UNTIL
JULY 10 OR 11. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION
YOU MAY BE ABLE OBTAIN ON REPORTED INCIDENT.
FRISBIE

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